

HOUSE RESOLUTION 155
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Davy Crockett on the
160th anniversary of his death.

WHEREAS, as Tennessee prepares for the 200th anniversary of its birth, this General Assembly harks back 160 years to the death of one of its most respected and influential heroes; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 1836, Davy Crockett gave his life at the Alamo in Texas in a fierce and heroic struggle to gain independence from Mexico; and

WHEREAS, up to the time of his death, Davy Crockett played an integral role in shaping Tennessee's political and economic future; and

WHEREAS, he was born near Rogersville, in what ten years later became Tennessee, on August 17, 1786. In the War of 1812 he served as a scout under Andrew Jackson. After his first wife died he moved to the present Lawrence County, where he was elected to the State Legislature in 1821; and

WHEREAS, in 1826, he was elected to Congress and served in the House of Representatives from 1827-1831 and 1833-1835; and

WHEREAS, as a Congressman, Davy Crockett worked hard to protect the people's right to keep land on which they had settled in West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after his departure from politics in 1835, Davy Crockett left Tennessee to join the movement for independence in Texas. He arrived at the Alamo in February, 1836 and was killed in the final Mexican assault; and

WHEREAS, a volunteer in the truest sense of the word, Davy Crockett was one of Tennessee's great soldiers and statesmen and dedicated his life to the frontier ideals of freedom and justice; and

WHEREAS, his legacy as a distinguished public servant remains influential to this day as his descendants hold high the mantle of public service in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Davy Crockett was the fourth great grandfather of Jim "Spider" Dumas, who has run for statewide public office and who, like Davy Crockett, is a writer; and

WHEREAS, it is important to honor those Tennesseans whose courageous work and good deeds have redounded to the benefit of future generations of Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we pay tribute to the memory of Davy Crockett on this the 160th anniversary of his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Dumas with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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